

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS/ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the species of group 1 drawn to Figures 1-4 for purposes of the election requirement. This election is made with traverse. The claims of the elected Group are claims 1-8

The Examiner had required an election between two species of invention. Species or group 1 is drawn to the embodiment of invention shown in Figs. 1-4 and species of group 2 shown in Figs. 5-7.

The Examiner stated in the Restriction Requirement that is was not believed that any claims were generic. However, applicants disagree with the Examiner's assessment and respectfully submit that claims 1-8 are generic to both embodiments of the invention with only claims 9 and 10 being directed to the coupler which includes intermediate piece (9) as shown in the second embodiment in Figs. 5-7.

As it is believed that there are generic claims, if any of the generic claims are found to be allowable, applicants respectfully request consideration on the merits of the non-elected claims including claims 9 and 10 which depend from an allowable generic claim.

Reconsideration of the election requirement is requested.. It is believed that the search and examination of this

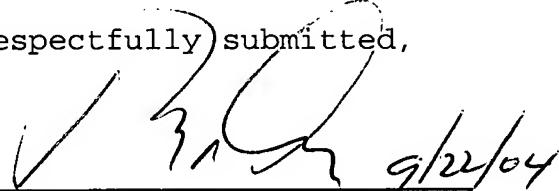
application can be made without burden to the Examiner in accordance with the provisions of MPEP803 with respect to both embodiments. The same art areas are involved.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has not offered forth an explanation or reasoning as to why the inventions are considered to be distinct. This in combination with the belief that it is not an undue burden for the Examiner to examine both embodiments of the invention in a single application forms a basis of applicant's traverse of the restriction requirement.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the provisional election made herein or applicants' traverse of the restriction requirement, it would be appreciated if the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number shown below.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the new address of the attorney of record which is reflected below. It would be appreciated if all further correspondence with respect to this application is directed to the new address.

Respectfully submitted,


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IN THE DRAWINGS

Submitted herewith are substitute drawing sheets on which numbers referenced in the original specification appear which were missing from the original set of drawings. These numbers include the opening 111 in Figs. 1-4, a cylindrical part 91 shown now in Fig. 6, a cylindrical part 115 in Fig. 5 and an element or piece 12 also in Fig. 5. No new matter is being added.